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Secret Service: Withholding;JFK Re-enactment HW 5/17/77

Another horrible example, of withholding not fpr need or within exemption but to prevent embarrassment, is the undated Tom Kelley memo on the 5/23/64 re-enactment in Dallas. It is headed merely "MEMORANDUM FOR FILE.2

In it he recounts his trip to Dallas, etc, and explains the three shots, limiting to three shots.

Necessary measurements were not made with the Presidential car before it was sent to Hess and Eisenhardt, at Cincinnati for rebuilding. So they called and had Bill Hess compute where the top of JFK's head was.

Taking all factors, even the amount of air in the tires and the give in the seats, Hess placed the top of JFK's head at ~~52.6x~~ 52.78 inches above ground level.

So the FBI, Secret Service and Commission re-enact and with surveyors measure and they get a number - 62 inches. Or ten inches higher.

Kelley saw no trouble in this.

He noted that they made "all measurements ... with this variance in height in mind."

So, when he testified before the Warren Commission Kelley merely testified that JFK had the seat adjusted 10 inches wrong and it all came out right. I go into this in Whitewash.

Hess also said the level of the jump seat was three inches below that of the rear seat. This means that from Hess' measurement if JFK and Connally were about the same height there would be little difference in their heights as they sat in the car.

On the other hand, if JFK's seat was up by 10 inches, what I recall as the maximum, and Connaly was 3 inches before the Hess height, with the Kelley height, were it true, Kennedy would have been 13 inches, more or less, heigher than Connally. There is no picture that shows this or is close to it.